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Order of Battle

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1. Communist patrols are active on the outskirts of Hsinmin (122-48, 41-59) with the 9 Column moving toward the city from Liaochung (122-44, 41-32).
2. All Communist units: The South 8 Column is moving toward Yingkou (122-13, 40-40). The 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 Columns are along the railroad southeast of Hsinmin. The 10 Column is 5 kilometers north of Kaiyuan (124-05, 42-36) []

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5. The Communist 22 and 25 Divisions captured Chapengkai. Part of the Communist 6 Column is attacking Chuliuhuo (122-54, 42-02).

6. Action is developing at Kaiyuan. The Communist 9 Brigade of the 3 Column is southeast of Kaiyuan and the 8 Brigade has occupied Chungku (123-59, 42-24).

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9. The battle at Kaiyuan [See paragraph 6] continues, with the 9 Brigade of the Communist 3 Column attacking the city from the east and the main force of the 10 Column from the north. The Communist 7 Brigade of the 3 Column and the West Independent 4 Division are a few kilometers west of the city.

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11. All Communist units: The 25 Division moved from Chapengkai to Paichipu (122-35, 41-52); the 22 Division joined the main force of the West 8 Column northwest of Hsinmin. The 7 Column is moving northwest from Paichipu. The 2 Column is moving north and has passed Kungchutun (123-01, 42-09). The 1 and 2 Divisions of the 1 Column are moving north toward Faku (123-23, 42-31); the 3 Division of this column is southwest of Faku. The 6 Column has moved from Chuliuhuo.

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14. The Communist 7 Column is moving toward Changwutaimen (122-40, 42-15) [See paragraph 11]. The main force of the West 8 Column is moving south toward Tahushan (122-07, 41-38); its 22 Division is at Tahushan.

15. The Communist South 8 Column is at Tashihchiaio. The main force of the Communist 4 Column is at Yingkou and vicinity.

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20. With the fall of Kaiyuan the Communist 9 Brigade of the 3 Column moved north; it is now south of Lao Ssupingschieh (124-14, 43-11). The 7 and 8 Brigades of the column are at Kaiyuan, with elements at Chungku (123-59, 42-25).
21. All Communist units: On 29 February the 1 Column moved to Changtu (124-08, 42-47); it is now moving toward Saupingschieh. The 2 Column is between Changtu and Kangping (123-22, 42-47). The 6 Column is moving northeast from Hsiushuihotzu (122-59, 42-21). The 10 Column is north of Kaiyuan and is believed to be moving north. The West 8 and 9 Columns are reorganizing in the Tahushan and Koupangtzu (121-44, 41-21) areas. Since the battle of Liaoyang the Communists have captured enough Nationalist equipment to supply about four divisions. The West 8 and 9 Columns, which were weak in firing power, are now being re-equipped with these Nationalist weapons.
22. The main force of the Communist 4 Column is moving north from Yingkou [See paragraph 15]; an advance party has passed Tashihchiao and Haicheng (122-41, 40-57).
23. The Communist 2 Column is a few kilometers south of Pamiencheng (124-03, 43-12). The main force of the 1 Column is between Changtu and Shu...gnaotzu (124-11, 42-58).
24. The main force of the Communist 4 Column is between Liaoyang and Penchiu (123-43, 41-20) [See paragraph 22].
25. The Communist 1 and 10 Columns are moving toward Yehhochan (124-30, 42-57). The 2 Column is at Pamiencheng. The West 8 Column is moving toward Hsinlitun (122-08, 42-01).
26. The 1 Division of the Communist 1 Column is attacking Saupingschieh from the northeast, and its 2 Division is attacking from the south. The Communist 10 Column is still moving north, and part of the column arrived at Itung (125-16, 43-21) on 3 March. The Communist West 8 Column, which was moving toward Hsinlitun, is now moving northeast.
27. The main force of the Communist 3 Column [See paragraph 20] is moving eastward toward a point northeast of Weiyanpu (124-14, 42-41), but its 9 Brigade remains south of Lao Ssupingschieh.
28. All Communist units: The main force of the 6 Column is at Changtu and is moving northwest toward Liaoyuan (123-30, 43-30). Ten thousand troops of the 7 Column

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are along the railroad south of Ssupingchieh with part of the column moving toward Liaoyuan. The 2 Column extends from Pamiencheng (124-03, 43-12) to Lishu (124-17, 43-22). The LI Hung-kuang Detachment is 20 kilometers east of Kaiyuan.

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29. The movement of the Communist troops toward Meihokou and Liaoyuan seems to be for reorganization and re-supply. [redacted] the Communists' ammunition is 90 per cent expended.

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30. The Communists have forty regiments training in the Mutanchiang (129-37, 44-35) and Yenchi (129-31, 42-55) areas. These units are to be ready for field duty by the end of March 1948. They are composed of recruits from the Heilungchiang, Kirin and Nenchiang military districts. Three of these regiments have formed the Independent 9 Division, which is now stationed north of Nungan (125-11, 44-26).

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31. The existence of an Independent 9 Division is confirmed.

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32. Troops of the Communist 2 Column began small action north of Ssupingchieh. The main force of the Communist 3 Column is east of Ssupingchieh and 1,000 troops of this unit are attacking Nationalist positions in this area.

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33. A new designation, the Communist Independent 7 Division, is at Kalunchieh (125-32, 44-02). This unit is composed of three of the forty regiments reported in training in paragraph 30.

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36. Part of the Communist 2 Column and the West Independent 5 Division are attacking Ssupingchieh from the west, the 8 Brigade of the 3 Column is attacking from the north, and the 7 and 9 Brigades from the east and southeast respectively. The main force of the Communist 2 Column is at Lishu.

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38. All Communist units: The West 8 Column is at Tungchiangkou (123-43, 42-38); the 9 Column is at Koupangtzu and Peichen (121-44, 41-36). The main force of the South 8 Column is at Anshan, with elements at Yingkou.

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39. The Communists are using civilians to destroy the rail line between Shihliho (123-21, 41-34) and Yentai (123-18, 41-26).

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40. The Communists are repairing the railroad from Tungliao (122-14, 42-38) to Changwu (122-29, 42-23). Repair work on the line from Changwu to Hsinlitun will be completed within a month. The line from Kaiping (122-22, 40-24) to Haicheng is under repair, and the section north of Haicheng is now in operation. The line from Meihokou (125-41, 42-32) to Chian (126-10, 41-07) is also operating. If Ssuningchieh falls, the Communists will control the railroad from Manchouli (117-27, 49-36) to North Korea.

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